ABSTRACT

Wind power can be always detected even when a wind turbine 11 forcibly brakes, as well as cost of components can be reduced. A generator includes a wind turbine 11 rotated by wind power to generate a driving force, a dynamo 19 operated by the driving force of the wind turbine 11 to generate electricity, a short-circuit brake 21 for switching the output side of the dynamo 19 between an output state and a short-circuit state, a rotational speed input unit 41 or for recognizing the arithmetic processing part 51 magnitude of the wind power in both of the output and shortcircuit states based on the rotational speeds of the wind turbine 11 in both of the output and short-circuit states, and an arithmetic processing part 51 for determining which state the dynamo 19 should be changed over to between the output and short-circuit states based on the rotational speed of the wind turbine 11 and controlling the switching of the short-circuit brake 21 based on the determination result.